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The current Guide contains sixty-eight numbered pages. Eight of those pages are devoted to "Text of the Proposed Laws." These eight pages are just under one-eighth of the Guide. The huge majority of the publication is devoted to candidates' portraits, campaign statements, and arguments for and against propositions. Dropping one-eighth of the pages in order to leave out the actual text of the propositions being voted upon would be false economy indeed.

The official right to place initiatives on the ballot does not even exist in all states. This hard-won electoral right is a significant benefit of living in California. It should not be taken lightly. The text of all ballot initiatives is to be valued and respected - and certainly worth paying to print.

The costs of an election are directly related to the number of citizens registered to vote. California is now the most populous state in the country, so its numbered of registered voters are probably higher then any other state. One could always work to decrease the population of California! Alternatively, if one really feels that democracy is too expensive, or that no one really cares, why not just give democracy up and be done with it? With presidents not elected and ballot boxes found floating in San Francisco Bay we seem to be fairly well along on that way already.

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MONTGOMERY, AL - On Friday, February 15 Supreme Court Justice Roy Moore released a thirty-five page ruling that his "legal" opinion of homosexuality is that it is an "abhorrent, immoral, detestable, a crime against nature, and a violation of the laws of nature and of nature's God." Moore continued to say that the state should use its power to prevent LGBT people from raising children through penalties, including execution. Moore sited passages from the Bible to support his ruling.

The ruling related to a case involving a lesbian mother seeking custody of her three teenage children from their father. A state appellate court awarded her custody, but the Supreme Court reversed the decision in a 9-0 vote.

Activists and organizations across the country have called for an apology and his removal from office. Hundreds have attended rallies in front of the Court House, but the government has not responded.

The state's Supreme Court has a history of anti-lesbian rulings, though. The most notable occurred in 1998 when a lesbian mother lost custody of her children after she found a permanent partner to help raise them.



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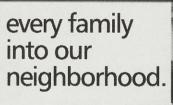
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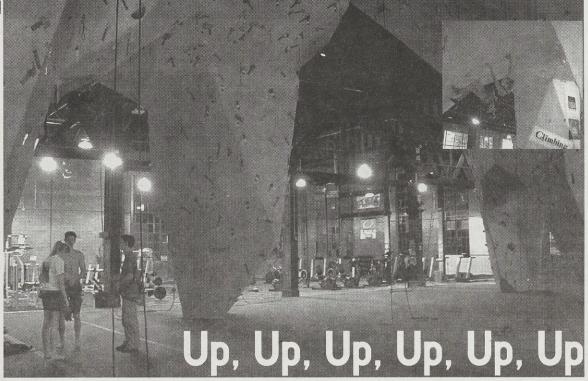
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BY NICOLE MACSHAFI MGW STAFF

SACRAMENTO, CA - Our first impression upon entering the spacious, industrial-feeling warehouse that is home to Sacramento Pipe Works was that it looked like a cave from The Flintsone's. Beige styrofoamlooking walls speckled randomly with increasingly smaller colored knobs seemed to tower hundreds of feet over me. Standing in the small retail area near the building's main entrance, I could just as easily have been in the shadow of Mount Everest. My palms began to sweat. I didn't think I was afraid of heights. Or maybe I was just in denial

Our host Hans Florine greeted us and gave us a brief tour of the building. There are separate dressing areas for women and men with showers and free lockers. Both were clean and well designed.

An area of smaller "boulders" is closest to the changing rooms. These walls actually look like huge rocks. Since they are only about ten feet tall, they do not require a harness. Thick floor cushions are provided for safety. Florine has watched many children conquer the boulders. The tiny hand rests and haphazard curves are an irresistible obstacle for little hands and feet that are no longer challenged on the playground jungle gym.

Most of the building is devoted to forty-foot tall walls that are a two-person job. Both wear harnesses, but one climbs while the second, the belayer, stands on the ground below. The climber's harness is tied to a rope that goes into a pulley at the ceiling, then down on the other side to the belayer. If you're climbing be sure you're on your belayer's good side because she or he will hold your life in their hands. However it's a fairly ingenious and idiot-proof system. Maybe it's more important to make sure your belayer isn't an idiot.

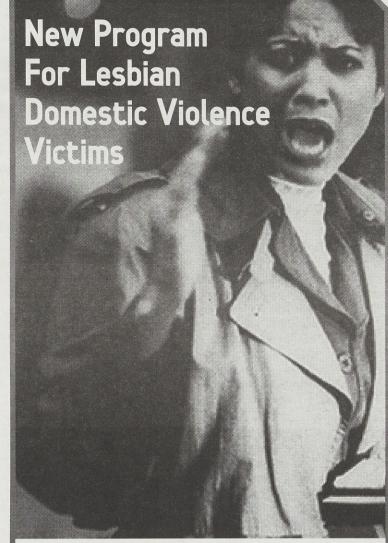
The pulley and a simple hand lock allow even sixty pound children to belay their two-hundred pound parents. Even if you lack upper body strength, do not be afraid to try this sport. Climbing will help solve that problem, anyway. It is truly a workout. I'm pretty sure I used every muscle in my body. Trying to balance your entire body on two doorknob-sized neon pink bits is exactly as hard as it sounds.

If climbing isn't your thing, Sacramento Pipe Works has an extensive weight room, indoor cycling, and Hatha yoga classes in their cute second floor studio. Experienced climbers can take advantage of their reciprocal membership with three Bay Area climbing gyms, private lessons, and monthly clinics. You can even rent Pipe Works for your next party!

I really enjoyed visiting Sacramento Pipe Works. Climbing would make a great addition to my normal workout schedule.

Sacramento Pipe Works, 116 North Sixteenth Street Voice: 916.341.0100 Fax: 916.341.7775, Web: sacramentopipeworks.com





SACRAMENTO, CA - Women Escaping A Violent Environment WEAVE) is now offering a twelve-week program for lesbian victims of domestic violence. Experienced counselor and out lesbian Dayana Chaves designed and moderates the group. Victims of sexual, financial, emotional, and physical abuse are welcome.

"I want to make sure lesbian clients get all the information offered in our regular twelve week program," Chaves said. "I cover different topics ever week. They all relate to same sex couples and developing positive relationships.'

The first series began in December 2001, so enrollment for the second twelve week program is approaching soon. Lesbian and bisexual women who want to join should attend at least three general drop-in sessions at WEAVE (1900 K Street, Suite 200). The general group meets every Tuesday from 5:30-7pm.

WEAVE does not currently offer support programs for gay and bisexual male victims of domestic violence, although planning has begun. A start date has not been announced, but WEAVE still provides male victims with counseling, relocation, and advo-Info. 448-9864 cacy services.



Even Here BY JESSE MOLINA MGW GUEST WRITER

n Saturday, February 16 the Davis Art Center hosted a Sweetheart's Dance and Concert for the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network (GLSEN). In spite of a handful of "Christian protestors" and police and media attention, the event was well attended and successful by all accounts.

Sacramento's GLSEN chapter serves as an umbrella for Gay Straight Alliances (GSA) in Davis High School and Emerson Junior High School. Emerson is one of only two junior high school level GSA in the country! The other is in near-by Berkeley.

If you ask the students who attended the event, they would probably tell you that the protestors didn't bother them in the least. They were excited and grateful for a place to dance and play freely. They

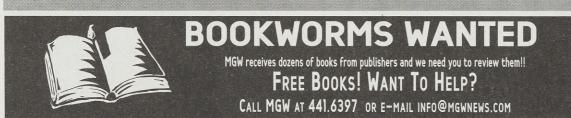
ut, If you asked me or any of the other organizers or adults hosting the event, you might hear our frustration and anger with these so called "Christians" who haunt GLSEN events. In Janu-Dary, at the third annual GSA Youth Leadership Training, held at St. Ignatius Catholic Church in Sacramento, similar protestors attempted to disrupt and invade the gathering. Their signs and chants were almost as stupid as they were standing in the rain blocking pathways and parking lots. "No trolling for teen youth sex here" read one sign. An older woman dressed in a lovely peach raincoat with her hair styled like Cruella DeVille screamed in my face, "And I bet you are a baby killer too!!"

'Wrong Issue, you old shrew! Get your religious fundamental facts straight!! I'm a lesbian, one of God's Chosen People!!!" I wanted to scream back but I was escorted away kindly by a friend. I wanted to interact with her and that is impossible. You can not interact with hate and fear and shame. I do not want to indulge her homophobia and confusion!! I just want her to melt away like the wicked old Witch of the West. I want all of the hate mongers to disappear.

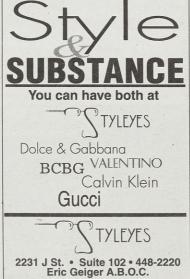
But, unfortunately, my fairy tale world is just that. Here in the real world, yes, even here in Davis, protestors show up for GLSEN fundraisers and let us know that hate and fear is alive and well; An 'abiding truth" you might say. 'Check out abiding truth's web site if you have the stomach for it. It is dedicated to anti-LGBT rhetoric.

Even here in Davis, I couldn't get a religious leader from the community to lead us in an opening blessing for our event. We are still considered "too controversial" and "risky" for most churches to make that stand. Maybe some of my friends and neighbors in Davis can help me understand.

What WOULD Jesus Do??▼







Some Kind Of Trans Party!

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SAN FRANCISCO, CA - Trans-Art, TransBay, and Tranny Fest will present an extravaganza of trans, drag, intersex, and genderqueer talent at a benefit for the new LGBT Community Center (1800 Market Street) on Saturday, March 9 from 6pm-1am. This event will feature two floors of fun with live bands, performance artists, DJ's, spoken word, and dance music. Funds raised will assist the community center future transgender activities.

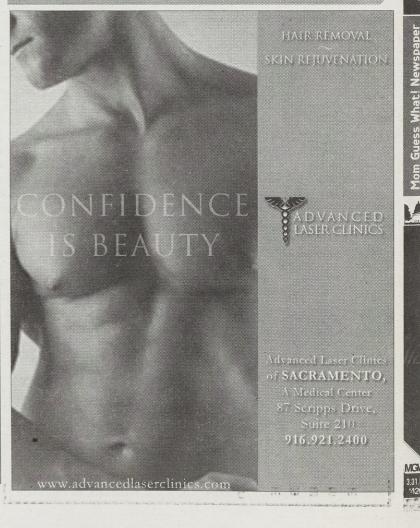
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Integrity Sponsors Day Of Meditation And Spiritual Growth

California will sponsor a day of spiritual growth in the Sierra foothills from 10am-3 pm. The theme of the meditative one-day retreat will be Philippians 3:10: "I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection." Everyone is welcome, regardless of religious affiliation.

Activities available to participants include mandala painting, labyrinth walking, and journal writing. The site offers acres of land to explore. The day will be unstructured. Attendees can choose to participate, or not, in any of the activities. Assistance with transportation, with departure from Trinity Cathedral Church (2620 Capitol Avenue) can be arranged.▼

Info. 394-1715, trinitycathedral.org/inc.htm



BY ED KELLEY

SHOULD THE OLYMPICS HAVE A GREATER GLBT PRESENCE?



Adrienne Ellis Sacramento

Retail Sales

Queers have contributed to the Olympics since the beginning of the games. There are gay athletes everywhere!



Steven M. Millington Sacramento

Entertainer

I think people should go by their own desire with no type of political interest. Whether Democrat or Republican, people should just have a desire to go to the



Patrick Heuer

Sacramento Restaurant Customer Service

Yes due to the fact that the world is changing and accepting the GLBT community. I look forward to seeing the Gay Games come into my life!



Gina Givogri Sacramento Manager of Club 21

I believe there already is a presence at the Salt Lake games. I believe our presence at our own Gay Games in Amsterdam made more of an impact.



Ronni Sargent

Sacramento **Promotions**

I believe we are already creating a positive presence in gay and lesbian sports. Yes, I think if the GLBT community wants to show itself at the Olympics, then now is the best time to do it. We should show support for the Olympics.



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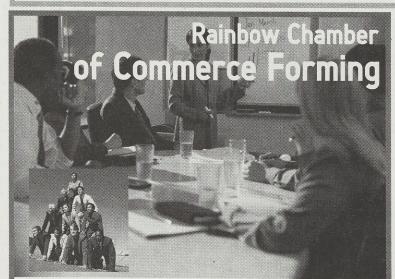
SACWN's annual Valentine's Ball drew over 300 women looking for love.

SACRAMENTO, CA - On Saturday, February 9, Sacramento Area Community Women's Network (SACWN) held its annual Valentine's Dance at the Elks Lodge located on Riverside Drive at Florin Road. Over 300 women attended this semi-formal event and the rave reviews continue to pour in! Almost all of the comments heard by attendees indicated the dance was even bigger and better than

The venue was changed this year to accommodate a larger crowd. Roni and the Flights, a popular local band, provided live music while Jammin' Jo Tierney took over as DJ during the breaks. Camile Wojtasiak and her dance partner Kilee Cooper performed a very sexy and exciting Latin ballroom dance exhibition. They recently competed in the sixth annual London Open Ballroom Championship for same-sex couples and placed first in their division. Soon, they will head to the Gay Games in Sydney, Australia.

In response to comments made by last year's attendees, changes were made to allow for more slow dancing and conversation. Dorman's Catering provided light hors d'oeuvres. Big Bang provided lovely table centerpieces. A tremendous thank you goes to all the wonderful women volunteers that helped take tickets and complete the challenging act of filling 400 balloons with helium.

If you missed it, you missed out! We will not forgot your great remarks. SACWN strives to make our events fun for all women. Mark your calendars or jot a note in your Palm pilots now to watch for next year's event.▼



SACRAMENTO, CA - The Rainbow Chamber of Commerce, a business alliance for GLBT businesses and professionals is now forming in Sacramento. The Chamber of Commerce will serve as a way for professionals to network and increase their exposure to the GLBT community and the Greater Sacramento area. The first meeting will be held Tuesday, March 19 at a location to be announced. V Info. 443-6969



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March Is Sacramento Leather Heritage Month!



SACRAMENTO, CA - Sacramento Valley Leathermen (SVL) are ready to celebrate Leather Heritage Month with fun and educational events for the leather community. SVL will begin with their monthly fundraising Pancake Buffet Breakfast on Sunday, March 3 at Faces (2000 K Street). A tasty and hearty country breakfast with

specially priced Bloody Marys will be served 10am to 1:30pm. An informal social gathering will follow from 6-8pm at Faces.

On Thursday, March 14 everyone is invited to attend SVL's monthly meeting and potluck from 7-9pm at the Lambda Center (1927 L Street). If a large crowd is expected, the event may be moved to a larger location so please verify before joining the party. SVL will host a Leather Pleasure Night at The Depot (2001 K Street) on Saturday, March 16 from 6-10pm. Black leather attire is suggested.

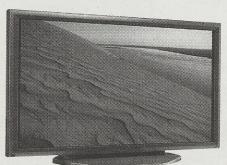
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The Porch All Roses Are Not Created Equal



BY ERNIE PHINNEY MGW STAFF

ow is the time to be thinking about garden roses for spring 2003. Perhaps a little early, you say? Not

Soon the earliest blooming roses will be putting out their blossoms, and we will be given a wonderful show. But for you, our intrepid home gardener, this is your opportunity to go window shopping for the perfect rose for that perfect spot beneath your perfect window. And there are great places to look.

The rose gardens at Capitol Park and at McKinley Park are my favorites in the central Sacramento area. The gardens are well tended, and, best of all, most of the roses are labeled. So when you go looking in April or May, take along pen and paper and spend an hour or two luxuriating in the fragrances (some of the roses) the beautiful blossoms (most of the roses) and the warm days.

Now what should you be





looking for? Lots of rosarians (rose fanatics) talk about the importance of color and form of the individual bloom, and because they enter their roses in competitions, that's important to them. But you want some beautiful plants for your garden that will give you blooms for the house, and eye candy when you're outside. Don't you?

or this, I favor old garden roses (OGRs) for a number of reasons. First is that the bushes are usually very vigorous and attractive. Since these roses were introduced in the nineteenth century or earlier, long before the invention of synthetic chemical pesticides. They tend to be very hardy and disease resistant.

yourself and your neighborhood to keep them looking decent. Many react very negatively to hard pruning, so they're low maintenance as well. In addition, they are often very prolific producers of blooms. One variety for example, Fortune's Double Yellow, likes to climb into trees. In the spring it produces one enormous flush of yellow blooms for about two weeks that turns the host tree into a pillar of golden yellow flowers. It's just magnifi-

Then there are the hybrid tea roses that were developed from the tea rose originally imported from China. Although some have interesting and vigorous bushes for the garden, most were developed for the quality of their blooms, their long stems, and their endurance as cut flowers. If you have a big back yard, you might want to start a separate cutting garden for supplying roses for the house. But you will probably want to hide the cutting garden behind the shed.

o start thinking now about preparing your soil for fall and winter bareroot planting, locations for your different roses (most require lots of sunshine), and the varieties

ou won't have to poison you will ultimately plant. Pick started on roses, they can be abup a couple of books. I suggest Rayford Reddell's Growing Good Roses and Bev Dobson's Combined Rose List for starters.

But be careful. Once you get

solutely addicting. However, I don't know of anyone who has suffered from an overdose of

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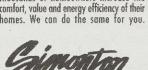
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Trudy Caddel Jorgenson

March 31, 1938 — February 25, 2002 Trudy Caddell Jorgenson passed away at her home in Carmichael on February 11, 2002 at 9:15am after surviving 13 months with ovarian cancer.

orn Trudy Frances Caddel on March 31, 1938 in Portsmouth, Ohio, the family relocated to California in the 1940's. A former Miss Placer County, she received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in theater from the University of Nevada, Reno. She taught Theater Arts at El Camino High Scholl in the early 1960's and appeared in many plays at CSUS under the direction of the late Dr. Carl Thomas, including Auntie Mame, A Shot in the Dark, and Antigone. Trudy then earned

her Masters Degree in Social Work from CSUS.

A dedicated Social Worker, Trudy worked in adoption and Children's Protective Services before joining Alta California Regional Center, Sacramento in 1974. As a Social Work Supervisor, Trudy worked with developmentally disabled children and adults, devoting an amazing 25 years of service with Alta.

Thile continuing her work with Alta, Trudy revisited her first love - theater. During the late 1980's and early 1990's she appeared in a variety of productions including Steel Magnolias, Macbeth, Broadway Bound, Last Summer at Bluefish Cove, and Torch Song Trilogy, for which she won the coveted Elly Award

for Best Supporting Actress. She also found time to help with a variety of charitable causes including Sacramento AIDS Foun-

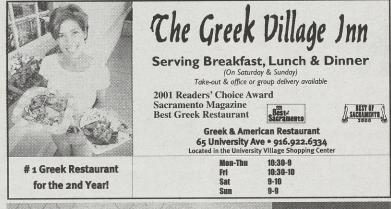
Trudy was immensely proud of her daughter, San Francisco based critically acclaimed entertainer Connie Champagne (nee Kelly Brock), whose achievements brought Trudy much joy. Inspired by her mother, Champagne received her MFA in Theater from American Conservatory Theater and has appeared in many regional productions.

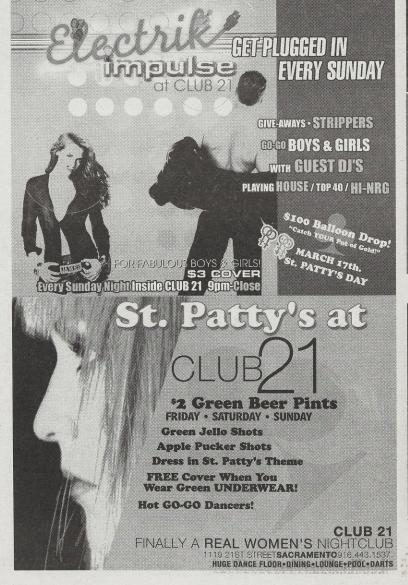
Trudy was preceded in death by her father, Detroit Lion football great Ernie Caddel and by her former partner and friend of over 30 years, Donna J. Sparks, who was an inspiration

Sacramento's theater world.

Trudy is survived by her daughter Connie, her mother Nell M. Caddel of Carmichael, her "Troopers," and by her trusty canine companion Rowdy. There will be a celebration of Trudy's extraordinary life and generous spirit on Sun-

for Trudy and a bright light in day, March 10 and 3:30pm at the Unitarian Universalist Society (2425 Sierra Blvd.). in lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Trudy's name to Community United Against Violence (CUAV) at 160 14th Street, San Francisco, CA 94103 or call 415-777-5500 ▼





BY RANDY HARTLEY FOOD & WINE EDITOR

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wning and/or operating a restaurant is probably one of the most difficult of all small businesses. There are food, labor, utility, and other set costs that can be a real challenge for the owner or manager. Long hours and low profit margins are the unfortunate trademarks of any restaurant. Other necessary components are good organizational and communication skills. As a guest, we don't see what really has gone into opening the doors for business on a daily basis.

I think it is important to rewhether it is a simple diner or and overall poor management. an upscale establishment, invites people to come to their place of their special kind of food, atmosphere (including cleanliness, noise level, etc.) and service. These three areas are important to your dining pleasure and to the restaurant's continued suc-

All too many times I see a fail in their service, atmosphere,

Eventually customers stop going to these establishments because business in order to experience there are so many others to choose from that provide all the right ingredients to win your loyalty and personal recommendation to others.

Many people have asked me about the proper etiquette for certain dining situations, especially when making reservations restaurant that has good food and tipping your waitperson. I hope that the following information is helpful to you.

Reservations...

Making a reservation is always a good idea if you don't want to wait a long period of time for a table or even be turned away.

even as much as two to four weeks for special days, holidays, and special occasions. Don't always expect to get a specific they are not necessarily cannot be expected to get a specific exceptional waitstaff stands out. time if you call a restaurant at

The restaurant will usually restaurant and work the arrival time out with them.

tell them of your special needs if or special place to sit or not to

The Sacramento area is a very popular place to dine out. Make your reservations ahead of time. reservations for small parties, plan on a possible wait for a table.

Tipping...

Before I list guidelines for different situations and services I feel obligated to share some of my own thoughts about tipping.

Not all wait staff are created equal. Perhaps, due to the proliferation of chain restaurants, we have evolved from highly professional waitpersons to a class of mostly self-taught people who occupy these positions and who about what is going on at your The rule of thumb is to make your reservation in advance, and out as fast as they can in order to make more tips. Tips are expected as part of the job but they are not necessarily earned. For example, I know a waiter at

hold your reservation for up to upscale restaurants where the in mo 15 minutes. If you are going to waiter would probably be better States: be longer you should notify the suited and be more comfortable at a chain type restaurant.

Very few restaurants spend the When making the reservation time working with their staff to develop professionalism. A proyou are handicapped or diabetic fessional will be attuned to your and if you prefer a booth, table, special needs and treat you like a real guest. The few establishments that do support and train their staff are the places you must make reservations days ahead of time because we all de-If the restaurant does not take sire excellent service, food, and atmosphere.

Tipping should be based on the quality of service you received NOT because you feel obligated to do so. If the service was good tell the person and tip accordingly. If the service was poor share your constructive criticisms with the person so they learn and understand why you are giving a small tip or no tip at all. Perhaps, your honesty will help the person in their future dealings with other guests.

In all fairness to the waitperson, if you are in a bad mood really don't know or care little and giving off bad vibes or not just your sweet self, stay at home with your attitude and order a pizza. Don't dump on the waitperson as she or he may dump right back.

Now that I shared some of my thoughts on this subject, let's

the last minute to make a reser- The Olive Garden who is pro- think about rewarding/tipping vation. The following ba's. Then again, I have been to are current guidelines accepted in most areas of the United

- Waitperson...15-20% of total bill,
 - including tax Bartender
 - 10-25% of bar bill
 - Counter Server 15% of total bill
- Valet Attendant...\$1
- · Wine Steward
- 15% of wine bill
- Coat-Check Attendant \$1 for one or two coats

Transportation

- Taxi...15% of total fare
- · Limousine...20% of bill

These are only guidelines. You may develop a special relationship with someone and want to. tip more because of the extra service they provided. Believe me it is worth your investment.

Dining out should be fun, exciting, and even adventurous. Enjoy your experiences and best wishes for many good times in your dining adventures! ▼





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"Boulak 4 SENTENCED T

BY NICOLE MASHAFI MGW STAFF

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GIZA, EGYPT - On February 3, a court in Boulak-al-Dakrour near Cairo convicted four men for consensual homosexual behavior. Judge Medhat Fahwaikh sentenced each to three years in prison followed by three years probation. All four claim officers tortured them during interrogations. Their first and only hearing was held February 3 before they were convicted. Unlike the Cairo 52 case, which was heard by an Emergency Special Security Court for Misdemeanors, the men can appeal their convic-

The Boulak 4 had been arrested on November 10, 2001 in or around the Boulak-al-Dakrour district. Newspapers Al-Akhbar and Al-Gomhureya announced the arrests on November 15 as part of their coverage of the Cairo 52 verdicts. The defendants, Rami S., Sherif H., Sherif A., and Mohammed S., were accused of turning an apartment into a "den of perversion." They were charged with "habitual practice of debauchery" under Article 9(c) of Law 10/1961 and prostitution. LGBT sex is not expressly criminalized, but the government has used Article 9(c) to target people. The law was passed in 1961 to prohibit prostitution.

Officials claim that all four were arrested in the same apartment. However, the men and their lawyers said that one man was arrested in Giza Square and the other three were identified by an unknown informant and arrested in various places in Cairo. The prosecutor introduced the apartment's address, but no contracts or witnesses tying any of the men to the building. The Boulak 4 deny living in

each other before their arrests.

At least eight more men and possibly one woman currently face trial in Damanhour, capital of Al-Beheira province. The men were arrested around January 20 when police stormed an apartment owned by one of the defendants. Allegedly the men were in "debauched" positions and some wore gowns and makeup. The men, who range from nineteen to fifty-two years old, were subjected to physical examinations of their genitals ordered by prosecutor Yaseen Zaghloul. Police confiscated an address book that may be used to accuse and convict more peo-

Ironically, the woman may be married to one of the men accused of homosexuality. A woman has been detained connected to the case, and although details are vague, police may charge her with prostitution. She was originally held for forty-five days pending investiga-

The men's last court appearance was January 26 when their detentions were extended for forty-five days. Charges have not been filed against them and they have been prevented from consulting their attorneys.

In another sting, at least seven other men were arrested and beaten by police following a raid on a birthday party in Haram, a suburb of Cairo, on September 7, 2001. An informant may have told police that the men were connected to the Boulak 4. Witnesses said the party's host, Sherif, left the apartment around 11pm to, buy more drinks. Fifteen minutes later, police entered the apartment by unlocking the door, apparently with his key.

The men were taken to the Haram Police Station where po-



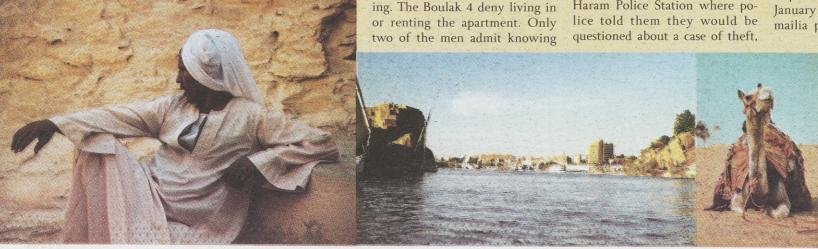
then freed. However, they were held for two days. They did not learn of the charges against them until their first appearance before the Public Prosecutor.

The case's conclusion remains unclear. One defendant was sentenced in absentia to six months in prison. The other men have not appeared in court and their status is unknown.

Eight days later, on September 15, 2001, Major Abul Ezz of Cairo's Vice Squad communicated with two male university students, ages nineteen and twentytwo, separately in a Yahoo! Chat room. He arranged to meet them separately, but on the same day, near the Ramses Hilton Hotel. There, he arrested both. Both were charged under Article 9(c), pleaded not guilty, and were released on bail.

At their December 5, 2001 trial, Sherif A. was sentenced to three months in prison and three months of probation. He appealed the sentence but was rejected on December 22. The second defendant did not return for the trial and received a longer sentence of one year in prison and one year of proba-

Yet another case of police entrapment on the internet began January 12. Zaki M., 23, from Ismailia placed a personals ad on



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the website gayegypt.com. It the European Union approved a was answered by someone using new trade agreement with the name "Wael Samy" using the e-mail address waelsamy2000@yahoo.com. Samy persuaded Zaki to send an email describing his previous sexual experiences then asked him to meet in the Mohandiseen district of Cairo on January 25. The day before, on January 24, court files show that Cairo Vice Squad Lieutenant Colonel Nizar Ismail requested a warrant to patrol Mohandiseen because Zaki was "known" to cruise there.

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Then Zaki telephoned Samy from their pre-arranged meeting place, Samy said he could not make it. Minutes later, police seized Zaki and transported him to the General Administration of Morality Protection then to the police station in Agouza, where he remained until his trial. When activists interviewed Zaki from prison, he said that he had been beaten regularly and was falsely promised that he would be released if he signed a confession.

On February 7, he was tried in the Agouza Court of Misdemeanors under Article 9(c), Article 14, promotion of debauchery, and Article 178 of the Penal Code (Law 58/1937), an older law that prohibits "printed materials...violating public morals." The last two charges related to his use of the internet. The email he sent to Samy was used to convict him. He received three years in prison followed by three years probation.

Despite the nation's overwhelming human rights abuses,

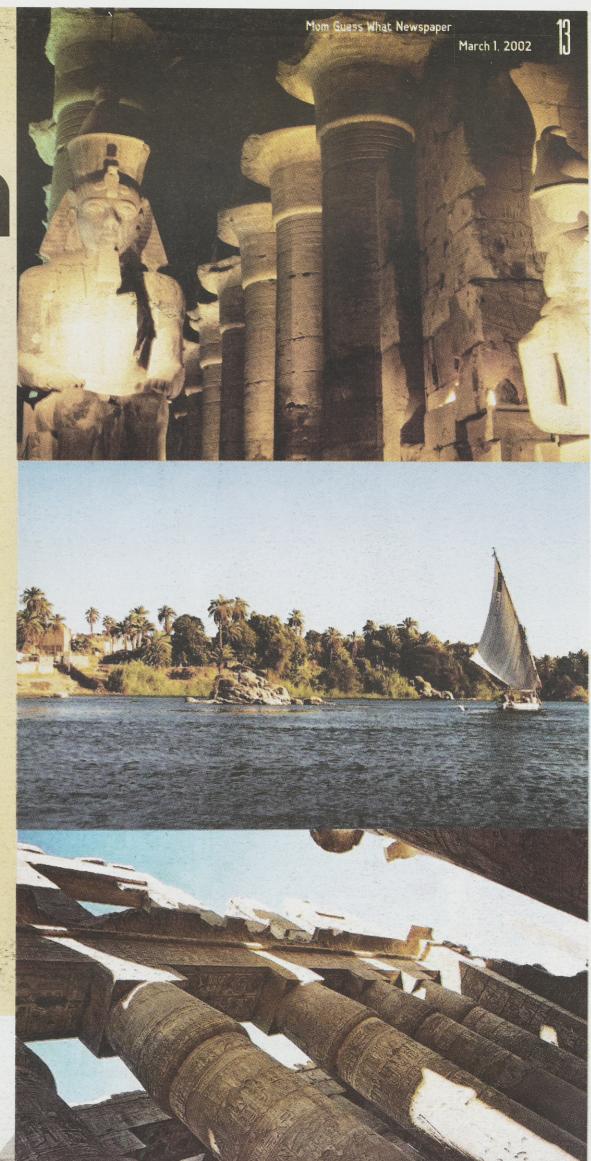
Egypt just weeks after the Cairo 52 verdicts. On February 6, three days after the Boulak 4 verdict, the United States, the European Union, the World Bank, and the International Monetary Fund pledged over \$10 billion in aid to Egypt to the outrage of human rights activists around the world.

'The United States and the European Union cannot ignore the human rights records of their allies," stated International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Campaign program director Scott Long. "Because of charges about their consensual sexual conduct, scores of innocent people are tortured and sent to prison or hard labor in Egypt...and the Egyptian government is rewarded with hard

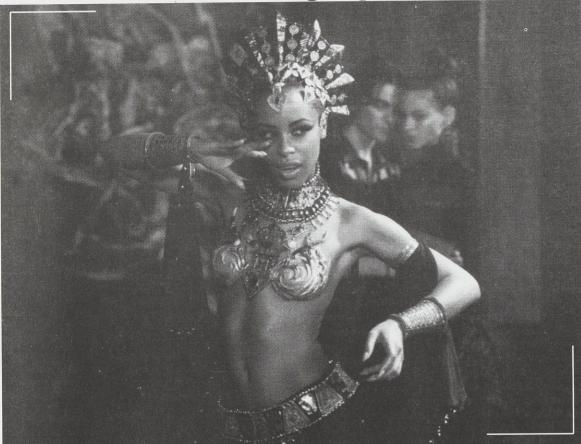
Despite international outcry, the United States and European governments remain silent except for symbolic gestures. French President Jacques Chirac voiced his guarded "concern" to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak on February 8, 2001.

penly gay United States Representative Barney Frank (D-Massachusetts) declined an invitation from the Egyptian embassy in Washington D.C. to attend a dinner discussion sponsored by the Egyptian government. He also organized several letter-writing drives to President Mubarak and Egyptian ambassador Nabil Fahmy.

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Aalivah (Akasha) in Warner Bros. Pictures' and Village Roadshow Pictures' supernatural adventure Queen of the Damned.



Queen of the Damned. Starring Stuart Townsend, Aaliyah, Marguerite Moreau, Vincent Perez, and Lena Olin. Directed by Michael Rymer. (Rated R, 101 min.)

BY NICOLE MASHAFI MGW STAFF

Where is Buffy, the Vampire Slayer when you need her? She could have taken care of this whole film with far more style in much less than 101 minutes.

Queen of the Damned sort of picks up where Interview with a Vampire left off. The vampire Lestat (Stuart Townsend) has just awoken from an extended underground hibernation and has reinvented himself as a rock star. His music reaches the mother of all vampires, the long-slumbering Queen Akasha (Aaliyah), who wakes and begins practicing for world domination. Members of the Talamasca and other older vampires rally to defeat her, but hope remains fleeting as long as Lestat is drawn to her bloodthirsty quest for power.

I've read the first four books of The Vampire Chronicles, and I think Michael Rymer's Queen of the Damned is supposed to be a mesh of two - The Vampire Lestat and Queen of the Damned. I really wonder if Rymer and screenplay writers Scott Abbott and Michael Petroni have even read The Vampire Chronicles. The story they've told in Queen is so loosely based on the books, it could be any vampire tale. In fact, some of the movie's plot directly contradicts Interview. It's really a shame that they aren't a little continuous.

Unfortunately it still isn't a good vampire story. The homoeroticism of Interview is gone. No more men in crushed velvet with dark accents caressing each other's necks. Queen of the Damned vampires are closer to a blend of The Craft and Marilyn Manson. They look like undead, heroin-laden versions of Oscar Wilde's harem. Their accents reminded me of Miss Cleo. Lestat's band is basically Korn. Anne Rice created a truly en-

Women are reduced to clueless food. It was really disappointing.

Aaliyah (Akasha) in Warner Bros. Pictures' and Village Roadshow Pictures' supernatural adventure Queen of the Damned.

Aaliyah, Lena Olin, Stuart Townsend, and Bruce Spence in vampire adventure

Queen of the Damned.

QUEEN OF THE DAMNED

chanting world of supernatural beings in her books. She provided plenty of characters, plot development, and surprises. I don't understand why anyone would write a movie on her books, then completely change all of the important aspects. Rymer didn't need to (and obviously can't) improve on an already good thing.

I really enjoyed Anne Rice's books and Interview. Queen doesn't measure up at all. There are quite a few books in the series though, so maybe one bad sequel will give way to an outstanding trilogy. All I hope is that the next movie pays a more proper tribute to Rice.

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BY STEFAN GRUENWEDEL MGW STAFF

a new series celebrating the work of three gay playwrights, San Francisco's American Conservatory Theater (ACT) launches Writer whose research for an upcoming murder mystery leads ber Marco Barricelli portrays her gay son, the playwright, who encounters his mother at five Francisco's American Conser-For the Pleasure of Seeing Her lationship. Again (May 22) - will be followed by post performance rechance to meet the artists.

Guardian, Beaulieu Vineyards, and Graham's Six Grapes Port. According to the theater's artistic director, **Carey Perloff**, Out lyzed, and his mother who tries with ACT will "celebrate the symbiotic relationship between or the Pleasure of Seeing" the gay and lesbian community and the theater community three extraordinary gay play-wrights: Noel Coward, Ten-nessee Williams, and Michel tween a mother and son. Acade-

three of ACT's upcoming plays - To everyone's surprise, the ghost different times during his youth. Blithe Spirit (March 13), The of his first wife materializes, de-Glass Menagerie (April 24), and termined to sabotage his new re-

Williams's The Glass Menagerie, one of the most succeptions giving theatergoers a cessful American plays of the twentieth century, is a poetic, Out With ACT is sponsored semi-autobiographical play about by the San Francisco Bay a son longing to escape his stifling home, his sister whose slight physical disability has left her fragile and socially para-

Her Again, an autobiographical comedy by while honoring the work of French-Canadian playwright Tremblay, is about the complex and moving relationship bemy Award winner Olympia Coward's Blithe Spirit is a su-pernatural fantasy about a life role of the mother, while

Tickets are available at the ACT Box Office (405 Geary Street) in San Francisco. You must mention "Out with ACT" events at time of purchase to receive admission to the post performance parties. V

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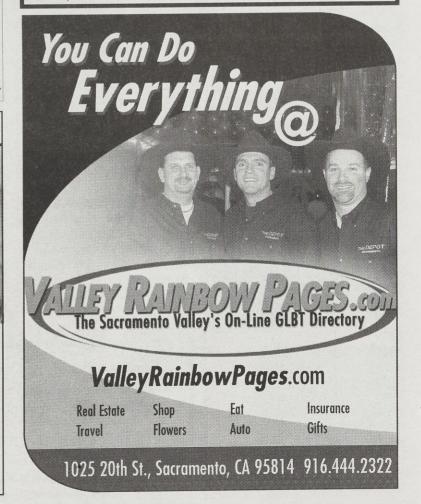
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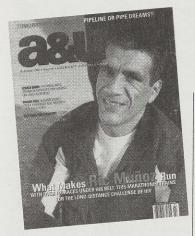
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The Advocate

March 5, 2002. Info. advocate.com Comedian and writer Mark Davis muses on the origins of gay vacations in "My Perspective." Matthew Schuerman covers the failure of the first attempt to gain recognition of Vermont civil unions out of state. Jay Blotcher interviews

Island activist | Kate Monteiro on a police department sting that led to a gay man's suicide. Jeremy Quittner interviews A.J. Dinkins, a gay man from Augusta, Maine who has been supporting a Mexican immigrant and her family after her husband died in the World Trade Center. Chris Bull covers the growing number of college athletes that are coming out of the closet. Alonso Duralde interviews Pinero star Benjamin Bratt. Paris Barclay wants more Gay TV. Dave White interviews Queen of the Damned star Stuart Townsend. Michael Giltz reviews Drift. Jan Stuart reviews Todd Solondz's Storytelling. ▼



Curve

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Editor-in-chief Frances Stevens muses on boxer beginnings. Fairy Butch dishes advice on the Lesbian Newbie Mega-Crush and defining bisexuality. Samiya A. Bashir reviews Kissing Jessica Stein, Iris, and The Laramie Project. Gillian Kendall recounts a "gentle lesbian tour" of Ireland. Annika Dukes discusses her first time the Gay Games in 1998 and interviews other participants, including figure skater Laura Moose and swimmer Julie Doetsch. Photographer Debra St. John and stylist Tietjen Fischer round up the hottest summer street fashions. Bayle Bayrd destroys myths surrounding lesbian bed death. V

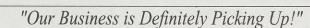


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Andy Towle gets wet with underwater photographer Douglas Ryan and swimsuit designer Darryl Dickens. Prime GLBTfriendly vacation spots are reviewed, including South Beach and Bahamas. Jeff Carr offers tips to maximize your day at the beach. Photographer Michael Davis captures some of this season's hottest suits in a fashion spread. David Sloniegura helps swimmers fine-tune their workout. Fierce Pierce rounds up water-based beauty care products. ▼





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Bringing Home A Hamster

BY RANDY JAMISON MGW STAFF

espite the hamster's size and its reputation as being easy to care for, you can easily curtail this pet's average two-year life span if you're ignorant of the responsibilities. Make sure you educate yourself about hamsters before getting

First acquaint yourself with the two types of hamsters most commonly kept as pets. The classic pet hamster is the golden, or Syrian, hamster, discovered almost by accident in its desert homeland a mere 70 or so years ago, only to go on and become a mainstay in America's pet population in both short and long haired versions.

The newer arrival on the pet hamster scene, and one that is becoming increasingly popular because of its cuteness, is the tiny dwarf hamster, typically referred to as the Russian or Siberian dwarf.

Whether choosing a golden or a dwarf, look for a bright-eyed time spent with a trusted human hamster with clear breathing, an family member or two during interest in food, a healthy coat, play sessions outside of the hamand a dry rear end (a damp rear ster cage. Dwarf hamsters, on end can indicate a deadly bacterial disease called wet tail).

of your hamster education is to population explosion) will hap-learn that, as compared to other pily cohabit small furry pets, golden hamsters are definite loners. While it's logical to assume that two goldens will keep each other company while you're at work the house, they spend the majoror school, you may come home ity of their time within their to find the remains of a violent

confrontation. Golden hamsters are most content housed solo, their social impulses satisfied by family member or two during the other hand, are more socially inclined, and a pair (same sex, Another very important part please, unless you want a rapid pily cohabit.

Thile most hamsters enjoy being handled by their owners or safely exploring other parts of

own cozy abodes, which may be a traditional cage, a plastic habitat, or an aquarium-style glass tank. The enclosure should be escape-proof (to prevent those surprise visits to the dryer), well ventilated, and properly appointed with a thick layer of bedding (pine or aspen shavings are

If you've ever held a hamster

in your hand and felt the rhythm of the tiny animal's heart against your palm, or given her some food and watched her take it into her tiny hands and nibble oh so intently on the morsel, then you've been captivated by a hamster. To get to this point, you'll usually have to pay your dues first.

The hamster is a shy little animal - a prey animal - programmed to trust no one. You will have to convince her, with a consistently soft voice and gentle handing, that your friendship is a worthy reason for her to change her philoso-

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you may be surprised at the gen-

uine bond that can develop be-

tween human and hamster, evi-

dent in your pet's habit of leaping up against the cage wall

whenever you come into the

Last, remember that while a

hamster can be an excellent pet

for a child, the bulk of her care

should remain the responsibility

of an adult dedicated to ham-

ster-proofing any rooms the pet

will be at liberty to explore.

Keep in mind that hamsters, as

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Man gets HIV from donated blood...

The chance of getting HIV from donated blood is as low as one in 3 million transfusions, but the odds recently turned against a Texas man, who became the first American to become HIV infected from donated blood since the nation's blood banks implemented rigorous new HIV-screening technology three years ago. Authorities explained that the blood donor had been exposed so recently before the donation that the virus hadn't had the opportunity to multiply to levels that were detectable in the automated testing. The 51-year-old man received the infected blood as part of emergency heart bypass surgery in August 2000. The blood came from a long-time regular donor, who gave blood four times during 2000. When the man's blood tested positive in December 2000 during another donation, his records were checked, and it was found that the blood donated in August had been used, and had resulted in infection of the recipient. Authorities stress that the nation's blood supply remains very

Secretary of State speaks out...

Condoms are a way to prevent infection and therefore I not only support their use, I encourage their use among young people who are sexually active," said Secretary of State Colin **Powell** in a February MTV telecast of Meet the Press. Powell was a guest on the show featuring young adults asking questions, and was encouraged beforehand by his young daughter to be as honest as possible with the youths. His statement was in response to being asked what he thought of the Catholic Church's stand on abstinence and condoms.

Powell's clear statement stands out from those of many of our nation's leaders who provide only mixed messages to the public. Powell's boss, President Bush, admits to being pro-abstinence, but has thus far dodged the question of what the majority of Americans, who do not abstain, should do. The President's budget includes nearly \$800 million for HIV programs in the U.S., but he steers clear of discussions about condoms, needle exchange, medicinal marijuana, or sex.

Together with double talk from religious leaders such as Billy Graham's son Franklin, these tactics are a disservice to Americans seeking guidance about keeping their families On the HIV Front

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safe. Reverend Graham recently praised Powell's willingness to speak out about condoms, and then added that he does not personally promote the use of condoms. He said we need "a new army of Christian men and women who are prepared to go around the world, to help in this AIDS battle... Think of the impact. It's lawyers, it's professional people, it's the cream of the crop of our artistic world," he said. "We're not spending near as much money on HIV as we are on terrorism. But which is the greater threat?" He says he does not condemn groups that promote condoms but, he noted, "that's not going to be a mountain I'm going to die on."

Helms' last hurrah...

Senator Jesse Helms said in a recent speech he was ashamed he had not done more to fight the worldwide AIDS epidemic and promised to keep it on his agenda until he leaves office next year. "I have been too lax too long in doing something really significant about AIDS," said the North Carolina Republican, who has continually clashed with activists over AIDS funding, and for years has blamed the spread of the disease on homosexuals. His statement elicited praise from some activists who said they never thought they'd live to see the day. But his move isn't a complete turnaround. During the same speech, he praised Janet Museveni, first lady of Uganda, for running an AIDS campaign based on "biblical values and sexual purity.

In surprise move, CDC chief quits...

Dr. Jeffrey Koplan, director of the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, announced at the end of February that he will step down on March 31. He said the move was his choice and that it was a good time to move on. Acquaintances, however, said his departure was the result of tension between the CDC and its parent agency, the Deptartment of Health and Human Services under the direction of Secretary **Tommy Thompson**. Tension began during the anthrax crisis and worsened when the federal government instituted an emergency management plan that required all CDC communications to be cleared through higher levels of government. Although that requirement was lifted October 4, tension continued.

His longtime friend, Dr. William Roper, who was CDC director from 1990 to 1993, said, "Dr. Koplan is the best director CDC has ever had. He is a bril-

liant scientist, an extraordinary leader with a wonderful sense of humor, who has a steely determination to accomplish things - and he has accom-plished a huge amount for the CDC and the nation.

Republican Congressman John **Linder** of Georgia commented, "We are on the right track to rebuilding the CDC, and I don't expect to stop or slow down.

Term for Surgeon General also comes to an end...

For four years as surgeon general, **David Satcher** knew that, with issues like sex and drugs on the agenda, politics would never be far away. He declared drug addiction to be a medical problem, and praised programs that give drug addicts clean injection needles. He said there's no evidence that teaching teens sexual abstinence by itself is effective. He said Americans should learn to accept gays and lesbians for who they are.

When a White House spokesman denounced his report last year on the state of the Nation's sexual health, he figured "that just comes with the territory. The surgeon general has to be prepared to be beat up from the podium of the White House." When no one in the Administration spoke out about anthrax after September 11, it became clear that he needed to start talking. He said, "When it was obvious there was confusion and concern, I felt it was appropriate that the American people hear from the surgeon general, even if it was only to say what I often said, which is we're all learning together.'

His outspokenness provided some of the "only clear messages we got," said Dr. C. Everett Koop, surgeon general under President Reagan. Politicians, Koop said, were saying we have everything in hand, while Satcher told people that much was unknown. Satcher believes in being honest with the public. The surgeon general post had been vacant for three years when Satcher took office. His leadership will be missed.

HIV accelerates when linked to cocaine...

Cocaine appears to interact directly with HIV to dramatically increase viral load and lower CD4+ T-cell counts, according to a recent study with mice by UCLA investigators. Mice were injected with human white blood cells, and then injected with HIV. Four to five days afterward, the animals received injections of cocaine, 5 mg per day for 10 to 12 days. "The dose

of cocaine is proportionate to what humans use," said the lead

researcher. Cocaine compared with placebo treatment significantly increased the proportion of human cells that became infected, 39% versus 19%, and resulted in a 200- to 300-fold increase in viral load.

Bisexual teens report highest risk behaviors...

Bisexual male adolescents engage in especially high levels of AIDS-related risk behavior compared with gay and straight students, according to a recent study by the Massachusetts Department of Education. Over a six-year period, information was collected on 3065 straight male high school students, 94 gay students, and 108 bisexual students. Bisexual students were more likely to have multiple sexual partners, engage in unprotected intercourse, have sexually transmitted diseases, and use injection drugs, the researchers found.

In general, the AIDS education among the three groups concerning the use of condoms was associated with lower AIDS-related risk behaviors. However, "the three groups of young men differed significantly in terms of having ever received such instruction," with gay and bisexual young men receiving less educational instruction. Researchers concluded that high AIDS-related risk rates among bisexually active youths point to the urgent need for. prevention programs addressing these youths' specific concerns.

New drug may benefit some who've failed other meds...

A fusion inhibitor called T-20 is showing promise in early tests, and appears to have the potential to benefit people who don't respond well to some existing therapies. Trimeris, a small U.S. drug developer, and Roche of Switzerland report that, in their joint study, half of 46 people who took T-20 in combination with other HIV drugs for 48 weeks showed significantly reduced amounts of HIV in their blood. The trial participants all had advanced HIV that wasn't responding well to a combination of AIDS drugs, suggesting they had developed resistance to the combination drug therapy. T-20 is the most advanced of a new type of AIDS medicine called fusion inhibitors, which hopefully will be able to halt further replication of virus in an infected person by protecting their uninfected cells. Most existing drugs block HIV from reproducing once it has infected white blood cells. Fusion inhibitors block HIV from fusing or binding to the T4 cell membrane, thus halting its entry into the cell, where it can replicate.

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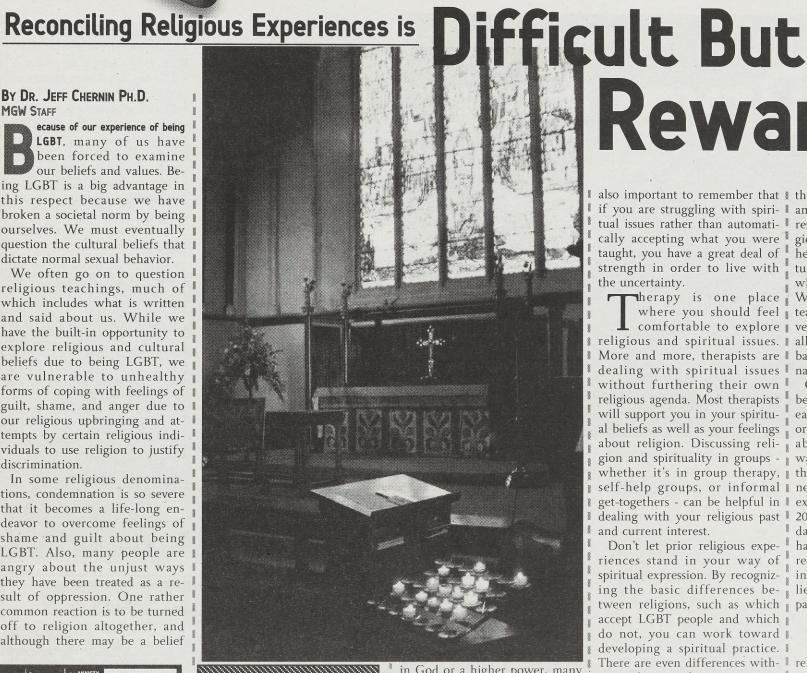
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ecause of our experience of being LGBT, many of us have been forced to examine our beliefs and values. Being LGBT is a big advantage in this respect because we have broken a societal norm by being ourselves. We must eventually question the cultural beliefs that dictate normal sexual behavior.

We often go on to question religious teachings, much of which includes what is written and said about us. While we have the built-in opportunity to explore religious and cultural beliefs due to being LGBT, we are vulnerable to unhealthy forms of coping with feelings of guilt, shame, and anger due to I our religious upbringing and attempts by certain religious individuals to use religion to justify discrimination.

In some religious denominations, condemnation is so severe that it becomes a life-long endeavor to overcome feelings of shame and guilt about being LGBT. Also, many people are angry about the unjust ways they have been treated as a result of oppression. One rather common reaction is to be turned off to religion altogether, and although there may be a belief

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in God or a higher power, many LGBT individuals won't have and the resulting hypocrisy.

Nonetheless, there is often an unfulfilled yearning to have some sort of spirituality. If you are carrying these feelings, it's important to confront them. It is

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anything to do with organized religion. When I have spoken to these individuals, I often detect feelings of hurt, bitterness, and resentment due to oppression

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get-togethers - can be helpful in

dealing with your religious past

Don't let prior religious expe-

riences stand in your way of

spiritual expression. By recogniz-

ing the basic differences be-

tween religions, such as which

accept LGBT people and which

do not, you can work toward

developing a spiritual practice.

There are even differences with-

in nearly every denomination, so

there can even be a way to re-

enter a former religion with a

new attitude. Furthermore,

viewing the healing from prior

religious experiences as a sepa-

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also important to remember that * the givens of existence? For that if you are struggling with spiri- answer, I look to a mentor who tual issues rather than automatiresolved her struggle with relically accepting what you were gion by considering nature to be taught, you have a great deal of her higher power. She views nastrength in order to live with ture as her source and the place where she will someday return. herapy is one place While she rejected religious where you should feel

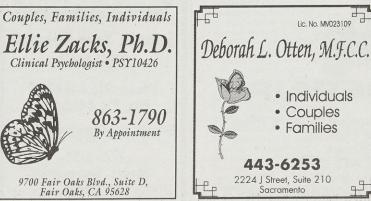
teachings early on, she has decomfortable to explore veloped a set of beliefs which religious and spiritual issues. I allows her to use nature as the More and more, therapists are basis for exploration and illumidealing with spiritual issues nation. without furthering their own Often, LGBT individuals have religious agenda. Most therapists been traumatized as a result of will support you in your spirituearly religious experiences. In order to lessen the impact, write al beliefs as well as your feelings about religion. Discussing reliabout your experiences. One gion and spirituality in groups way to do this is to write about whether it's in group therapy, them as they enter your awareself-help groups, or informal

ness. Another way is to try this exercise; write about them for 20-25 minutes per day for three days in a row. A recent study has shown that unedited writing reduces physical pain by enhancing the immune system. I believe that it reduces emotional

pain as well.

verall, by reducing the amount of angry and bitter feelings toward religion and making peace with your past, you can clear the way toward developing a spiritual with which you feel comfortable. While there are many societal distractions from introspection, this is an auspicious time to continue your inner journey if you are already doing so or to consider starting it if you have not yet begun.▼

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Tips

· Avoid leaving the dryer run-

ning when away from your

- · Clean the lint trap after every
- · Don't dry oily rags in your
- · Don't operate the dryer without a lint filter
- Ensure that the dryer is plugged into an outlet suitable for its electrical needs
- · Keep the dryer area free of combustibles such as clothing and boxes
- Adequate ventilation is key to not only the safety, but the performance of your dryer as well The dryer duct should vent directly outdoors, not into an attic, crawl space, or indoors.

Ducts should be kept free of lint and combustible debris to pre-

Use only metal dryer ducts. Plastic ducts can collapse, causing blockage and lint build up within the dryer. Plastic ducts may ignite or melt, and will not con-

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tain a fire within the dryer.

Follow the manufacturers' suggestions on the length of ducting you should use, since appliances are tested and certified according to certain specifications. Make sure to consult your owners manual for more information.

Hot spots

While there are no sure signs that your dryer may catch fire, the following are some possible warning signs of trouble:

- · Clothes, especially towels or jeans, take a long time to dry
- Clothes are hotter than usual at the end of cycle
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MARINES MEMORIAL THEATRE; Stomp, thru Apr. 24; 609 Sutter St., SF, 877-771-6900
MUSIC CIRCUS; auditions for singers & actors, Mar. 19-21; auditions for dancers, Mar. 23; Seven Brides for Seven Brothers, Jul. 8-14; Man of La Mancha, Jul. 15-21; The Unsinkable Molly Brown, Jul. 22-28; The Sound of Music, Jul. 29-Aug. 4; Camelot Aug. 5-11; Smokey Joe's

of La Mancha, Jul. 15-21; The Unstrikable Molly Brown, Jul. 27-28; The Sound of Music, Jul. 24-Aug. 4; Camelot Aug. 5-11; Smokey Joe's Cafe, Aug. 12-18; Paint Your Wagon, Aug. 19-25;
ARPA VALLEY SYMPHONY; Song from Scandinavia, Mar. 3-5; All American, Apr. 7-9; Apr. 28-30; Family Concert, Apr. 27; 707-226-6872
PAMELA TROKANSKI DANCE WORKSHOP; Veteran's Memorial Theater, 2031 4th St., Davis, 530-756-3949
RIVER STAGE; 2002; Gunfighter: A Gulf War Chronicle, Apr. 10-May 12, 2001; Acts Unbecoming a Golem, July 10-28, 2002; Cosumnes River College, 8401 Center Pkwy., 691-7364

RUNAWAY STAGE PRODUCTIONS: Seven Brides for Seven Brothers, May 24-Jun. 9: Oklahoma!, Jul 12-28; How to Succed in Business Without Really

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RUSSIAN RIVER RESORT; Shann Carr, Mar. 2; Danny Williams, Mar. 9; Yayne Abeba, Mar. 16; St. Patrick's Day Party, Mar. 17; Jim Short, Mar. 23; Osca Party, Mar. 24; Miles P. Howard, Mar. 30; Easter Egg Hunt, Mar. 31; 16390 4th St., Guerneville, 800-4-1-RESORT

SAC. MASTER SINGERS; Songs for the Spirit, Mar. 16-17; First United Methodist Church, 2100 J St., 338-0300

SAC. MEN'S CHORUS; Burn Baby Burnl, Mar. 10-15; The Lavendar Muse, June 23-29; Jean Runyon Little Theater, 1500 J St., 264-5181

SAC. THEATRE COMPANY; The Pavilion, thru Mar. 24; Almost Grown Up, Mar. 27-June 2; Picasso At The Lapin Agile, Apr. 16-May 12; 1419 H St., 443-

SF JAZZ; Women & Jazz panel, Mar. 19; History of Jazz Women on Film, Mar. 20; Marilyn Crispell Trio, Mar. 21; Maria Schneider Orchestra & Ingrid Jensen, Mar. 22; Cassandra Wilson, Mar. 23; Jane Burnett & Spirits of Havana, Mar. 24; Jane Ira Bloom Quartet & Jane Bunnett & Spirits of Havana, Mar. 24; Joshua Redman, Bill Frisell, Brian Blade, & Larry Grenadier, Apr. 7; 415-398-5655, stjazz.org

F OPERA COMPANY; Madama Butterfly, June 9-July 5; Carmen, June 8-July 6; Giulio Cesare, June 19-July 7; War Memorial Opera House, 455 Franklin St.,

THE STUDIO THEATRE; Talk Show, thru Mar. 22; Six Women With Brain Death, ongoing; 1028 R St., 446-2668

T ST. PLAYERS; The Dracula Legacy, Mar. 8-30; 4623 T St., 264-8890

THEATRE ON THE SQUARE; The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life In The Universe, thru Mar. 31; 450 Post St., 415-433-9500

THEATRE RHINOCEROS; Women Behind Bors, Mar. 14-Apr. 13; 2926 16th St., Sf. 415-861-5079

UC DAVIS PRESENTS; Perlman/Nikkanen/Bailey Trio, Mar. 8; Newport Jazz 2002, Mar. 12; Natl. Song & Dance Company of Mozambique, Mar. 15; Compania Espanolo de Antonio Marquez, Mar. 19; Charlie Victor Romeo, Mar. 22-23; Janet Reno, Mar. 24; 530-757-3199, ucdavispresents.ucdavis.edu

THE WOODLAND OPERA HOUSE; Eleanor, An American Love Story, Apr. 5-28; Corpsel, May 24-June16; 340 Second St., Woodland, 530-666-9617

THE STUDIO THEATRE; Talk Show, thru Mar. 22; Six Women With Brain Death, ongoing; 1028 R St., 446-2668

DALE SCHOLL DANCE/ART; Over the Top, Mar. 7-23; Calif. State Univ. Dancespace, Solano Hall 1010, 6000 J St., 278-4323, 451-3732

WEDNESDAY

CHANGELING, 7pm, LYRIC, 127 Collingwood St., SF, 415-703-6150 x22 COOKING 101 - 10 TRICKS, 6pm, Davis Co-op, 620 G St., 530-758-

Calendar

FRONT RUNNERS FUN RUN. 6:30nm, meet at tennis courts in McKinley

HOSPICE THRIFT SHOP ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY, 10am, 3257

LGBT SINGER/SONGWRITER SERIES, 7pm, Bazaar Cafe, 5927 Calif. SCI-FI READING GROUP, The Martian Race by Gregory Benford, 7pm n Book, 910 21st St., 498-1004

SNOWFEST, Lake Tahoe, 530-581-1283

ANI DIFRANCO, 7:30nm, Sac. Memorial Auditorium, righteousbabe.com ASIAN AMER. FILM FESTIVAL, Bay Area, 415-255-4299 EMERGING COURAGE OF IRANIAN WOMEN, speaker Dr. Zahra Taheri, 7pm, Arcade Learning Library, 2443 Marconi Ave., 264-2920 INVITATIONAL NATIVE AMER. ARTS FESTIVAL, Clark Cnty. Museum,

POZABILITIES SOCIAL, 10am, Open Book, 910 21st St., 498-1004, RENO LGBT SPRING FAIR. Hilton Hotel Reno. NV 775-826-6618

SNOWFEST, Lake Tahoe, 530-581-1283 SPCA BARK & WHINE BALL, 7pm, SF Gift Center, 888 Brannan St., SF.

VIEWING OF BEING GAY TODAY, 10pm, Open Book, 910 21st St.,

FRIDAY

ASIAN AMER. FILM FESTIVAL Ray Area 415-255-4299 DYKES OUT TOGETHER PINOCHLE, 6:30pm, 971-9337 POZABILITIES MOVIE NIGHT, Tales of the City, Pt. 2, 7pm, 564-1790. QUE CALOR LATIN JAZZ BAND, 8pm, Center for the Arts, 314 W. Main s Valley 530-271-5955 RENO LGBT SPRING FAIR, Hilton Hotel, Reno, NV, 775-826-6618

SATURDAY

SNOWFEST, Lake Tahoe, 530-581-1283

ASIAN AMER. FILM FESTIVAL, Bay Area, 415-255-4299 DAFFODIL SHOW, Alden Ln. Nursery, Livermore, 925-447-0280 DYKES OUT TOGETHER MOVIE & POTLUCK, 5pm, 966-5264 ROB ROSEN, 3pm, Open Book, 910 21st St. 498-1004 THE LARAMIE PROJECT, 8pm, HBO, hbo.com
MELONNEE DESIREE, 9pm, Jazzmen's Art of Pasta, 1107 Front St., 421-

RENO LGBT SPRING FAIR, Hilton Hotel, Reno, NV, 775-826-6618 SNOWFEST, Lake Tahoe, 530-581-1283
SOME KIND OF QUEER DANCE, 7pm, LGBT Community Center, 1800

WINTER TRACKING PROGRAM, Jordanelle St. Pk., Herber City, 435-

ASIAN AMER. FILM FESTIVAL, Bay Area, 415-255-4299 **DAFFODIL SHOW,** Alden Ln. Nursery, Livermore, 925-447-0280 **DUVAL SPECK**, 4pm, Open Book, 910 21st St., 498-1004 DYKES OUT TOGETHER MOVIE MATINEE, 736-4444

EFFIE YEAW EARLY SPRING NATURE STROLL, 1:30pm, Ancil
Hoffmann Cnty, Pk., 6700 Tarshes Dr., Carm., 489-4918 FRONT RUNNERS FUN RUN, 9am, east side of Guy West Bridge by CSUS 484-4100 GINA PACALDO & FROM THE HEART, 1:30pm, Central Library, 828 | St., 264-2920

INTEGRITY MEETING, 3pm, Trinity Cathedral Church Great Hall, 2620 Capitol Ave., 446-2513

RENO LGBT SPRING FAIR, Hilton Hotel, Reno, NV, 775-826-6618 SNOWFEST, Lake Tahoe, 530-581-1283

MONDAY

ASIAN AMER. FILM FESTIVAL, Bay Area, 415-255-4299 COMING OUT GROUP, 6pm, LYRIC, 127 Collingwood St., SF, 415-703-

FAVORITE POEM READING SERIES, humorous poems, 12pm, Central Library West Meeting Room, 828 151, 264-5558
FRONT RUNNERS FUN RUN, 6:30pm, meet at lennis courts in McKinley Pk, 484-4100

MIDDLE EASTERN CULTURE PROGRAM, Iraq culture, 7pm, Carm. Library, 5605 Marconi Ave., Carm., 264-2919

ASIAN AMER. FILM FESTIVAL, Bay Area, 415-255-4299 GLBT VIDEO NIGHT, 7pm, LLACE, 1414 21st St., 492-0558
17'S A MYSTERY BOOK CLUB, 7pm, Open Book, 910 21st St., 498-

LIBRARY GRAND OPENING, 7pm, Arcade Learning Library, 2443 MEXICAN MEALS, 6pm, Davis Co-op. 620 G St., 530-758-2667 SAC. VALLEY LEATHERMEN BOARD MEETING, officers & board only, 338-3760

SOAP MAKING - THEN & NOW, 6:30pm, Hamilton St. Pk., 4855 Hamilton St., 485-5322

WEDNESDAY

ASIAN AMER. FILM FESTIVAL, Boy Area, 415-255-4299 CHANGELING, 7pm, LYRIC, 127 Collingwood St., SF, 415-703-6150 x22

Art Galleries

ALEX GENUNG STUDIOS; The Art of Giving, thru Mar. 8; 910 15th St., 444-7455
ARCADE LEARNING LIBRARY; Festivals of Spring, Mar. 12-16; 2443 Marconi Ave., 264-2919
ART CONNECTIONS; Love, Romance, & Friendship, thru Mar. 5; 903 3rd St., Davis, 530-753-5759
BERKELEY ART MUSEUM; Face Of Buddha: Sculpture From India, China, Japan, And Southeast Asia, thru 2003; 2625 Durant Ave., 510-642-

CA PALACE OF THE LEGION OF HONOR; Richard Diebenkorn, thru Apr. 28; Dreaming with Open Eyes: Dada & Surrealist Art from the Vera, Silvia, & Auturo Schwarz Collection, thru Apr. 28; Selected Masterworks: Marcia & John Friede Collection of New Guinea Art, thru May 5; Joan Miro, thru May 19; 100 34th Ave., SF, 415-750-3614

CHROMA GALLERY; Heart of Chroma, thru Mar. 3; A Matter of Good Taste. Mar. 9-Apr. 7; 10030 Fair Oaks Blvd. Fair Oaks 966-6020.

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DOIRON GALLERY; Richard Turner, Ihru Mar. 6; Marsha Proud & Chris Albert, Mar. 8-Apr. 10; 1625 Del Pass Blvd., 564-4433

GALERIA DE LA RAZA; Photographic Memory & Other Shots in the Durk, Mar. 9-Moy 11; 2857 24th St., Sf, 415-826-8009

JAY JAY; Joan Moment, Mar. 9-Apr. 27; 2906 Franklin Blvd., 456-7550

JOHN NATSOULAS; Glenn Tokal, Ihru Mor. 24; 521 First St., Davis, 530-756-3938

LAVENDER LIBRARY; NAMES Project Memorial, Ihru Mor. 31; 1414 21st St., ozinsac@ool.com

MATRIXARTS; Open Studio, 2nd & 4th Sundays; Kids & Families, 2nd & 4th Sundays; 1518 Del Paso Blvd., 923-9118, matrixarts.org
OPEN BOOK; Matthew Kimbrell, thru Mar. 31; 910 21st St., 498-1004
RICHARD L. NELSON GALLERY; Images of Women from the Fine Arts Collection, thru Mar. 22; Mary Lucier, Apr. 18-May 17; 2002 Masters of Fine Arts Exhibition, Jun. 7-Jun. 28; Documents of Other Worlds: Travel Photography from the Fine Arts Collection, Jan. 19-Mar. 22; UC Davis Art Center, 1 Shields Ave., 530-752-8500

SAC. FINE ARTS CENTER; Bold Expressions, Oct. 8-27; -5330 Gibson Dr., Carm., 991-2708

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FMOMA; San Francisco Cinematheeue 40th Anniversory Tribute: Recent Bay Area Filins & Videos, Mar. 14; Restaging the Everyday; Recent Work by Beat Streulia; Erischil/Weiss, Irru Mar. 17; Du B. Out, Apr. 11; Hotel, May 9; Eve Hesses, Irru May 19; Perfect Acts of Architecture & Jack Stauffacher, Mar. 2-May 26; Points of Departure II: Connecting with Comtemporary Art, Irru June 9; Teknolust, Jun. 13; Edward Weston, Mar. 2-Jul. 9; Scratch Cinema, Jul. 11; Yoko Dno, Jun. 22-Sept. 15; Sampling/Christian Marchay, Apr. 11-Jul. 28; 151 3rd St., 55; 415-357-4000

SOLOMON DUBBLICK; Black & White & Color, Maru Hoeber, & Masque Parade, Irru Mar. 2; Bruce Beasley & Jeff Myers, Mar. 7-30; A Horse is a Horse, Mar. 4-27; Trout Fishing in America, Apr. 27-Jun. 1; Alan & Hellen Post, Jun. 6-29; George Green & Mark Bryan, Jun. 6-29; Group Clay & Glass Exhibit, Jul. 5-27; Here & For: Landscape Invitational, Aug. 1-31; 2131 Northrup Ave., 920-4547

TOWE AUTO MUSEUM; Karl Shiffett & The Big Country Band, Mar. 1; Auto Swap Meet, Mar. 3; The King of Kings with organist Clark Wilson, Mar. 15; Collector Car Auction, Jun. 8; The Studebooker Exhibit, Hru Aug. 25; 2200 Front St., 442-6802

VIEWPOINT; photography from Boys & Girls Club, thru Apr. 5; Sor. Valley Photographic Art Center, 551 Sequoio Pacific Blvd., 441-2341

WEINSTEIN GALLERY; Claude Lazar, Mar. 16-28; Salavador Dali, Mar. 2-31; 2553 Grant Ave., 55, 415-362-8151

FRONT RUNNERS FUN RUN, 6:30pm, meet at tennis courts in McKinley MASKS & MOVEMENT WITH DIANNA CRAIG, 4pm, Southgate Library, 6132 66th Ave., 264-2920

THURSDAY

ASIAN AMER. FILM FESTIVAL, Bay Area, 415-255-4299
ECLECTIC TRASH READING GROUP, 7pm, Open Book, 910 21st St., PET FIRST AID. 6nm. Carm. Pk. 5750 Grant Ave. 485-5322

POZABILITIES MEETING, 10am, Open Book, 910 21st St., 498-1004 VIEWING OF BEING GAY TODAY, 10pm, Open Book, 910 21st St., 498-1004

FRIDAY

ASIAN AMER. FILM FESTIVAL, Bay Area, 415-255-4299 CAROL KESSLER & BURDICK TRIO, 8pm, Unitarian Church, 27074 Patwin Rd., Davis, 800-738-0663, 530-661-2442 MAI TAI PARTY, benefit for Maui AIDS Foundation, 10pm, Fusions Nightclub, Waikiki, HL volcanoparty com Nightclub, Waikiki, HI, volcanoparty.com
PHIL GOLDVARG & JOE MONTOYA POETRY READING, 7:30pm, La
Raza Galeria Posada, 704 0 St., 682-9011

SATURDAY 16

ASIAN AMER. FILM FESTIVAL, Bay Area, 415-255-4299 DOCTORS & LAWYERS DINNER/DANCE GALA, benefit for WIND Youth Chelter, Hyatt Regency, 487-9494

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EFFIE YEAW BIRD & BREAKFAST, 7:30am, Ancil Hoffmann Cnty. Pk., 6700 Tarshes Dr., Carm., 489-4918

FAMILY CONNECTIONS ADOPTIONS INFO SESSION, 11am, 1771

Tribute Rd. Ste. G, 568-5966

FRONT RUNNERS FUN RUN, 9am. east side of Guy West Bridge by

GREAT CHEFS: A GOURMET FOOD & WINE CELEBRATION, benefit for Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Greater Sac., 5:30pm, Towe Auto Museum, 2200 Front St., 482-9300 IIM GLADSTONE, 4pm, Open Book, 910 21st St., 498-1004

KIDS CAN COOK! GREEN FOOD, 4pm. Davis Co-op. 620 G St., 530-MATTHEW SHEPHERD STORY, 9pm EST, NBC, 604-294-6811

MELONNEE DESIREE, 6pm, Luna's Cafe, 1414 16th St., 421-8175 MUSIC & POETRY OPEN MIC, host Stephanie Haffner. 6:30pm. LLACE. 1414 21st St., 530-752-0931

MUSTARD FESTIVAL, Napa Valley Expo, Napa, 707-259-9020,

mustatorestival.org
PANCAKE BREAKFAST & CRAFT SALE, 8:30am, Colonial Heights
Library, 4799 Stockton Blvd., 264-2919
POZABILITIES POTLUCK DINNER, 6pm, 564-1790, sacvalleypozabilities@yahoo.com

SPJ NATL. WRITERS WORKSHOP REGION 11 CONFERENCE

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE & CELTIC WEEKEND, Virginia City, 775-847-0311 TOP TEN ST. PATRICK'S POTLUCK, 3pm, 967-0560

VOLCANO PARTY, benefit for Maui AIDS Foundation, 8pm, Kalakaua Ballroom Hawaii Convention Center, Waikiki, volcanoparty.com WINTER TRACKING PROGRAM, Jordanelle St. Pk., Herber City, 435-783-3030

SUNDAY

CAINT PATRICK'S DAY

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ASIAN AMER. FILM FESTIVAL, Bay Area, 415-255-4299 DIALOGUE THROUGH POETRY WEEK, dialoguepoetry.org
EFFIE YEAW HABITAT IMPROVEMENT, 8am, Ancil Hoffmann Cnty.
Pk., 6700 Tarshes Dr., Carm., 967-0777
MELONNEE DESIREE, Powerhouse Pub, 614 Sutter St., Folsom, 421-8175

SPJ NATL. WRITERS WORKSHOP REGION 11 CONFERENCE, Holiddy Inn Golden Goteway, 1500 Van Ness Ave., 5F, 415-441-4000 ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE & CELTIC WEEKEND, Virginio City, 775-847-0311

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BACW BOARD MEETING, 6:15pm, 55 New Montgomery Suite 524, SF, 415-495-5303 COMING OUT GROUP, 6pm, LYRIC, 127 Collingwood St., SF, 415-703-6150 x13

DIALOGUE THROUGH POETRY WEEK, dialoguepoetry.org
FRONT RUNNERS FUN RUN, 6:30pm, meet at tennis courts in McKinley POZABILITIES SOCIAL, 6pm, Open Book, 910 21st St., 498-1004,

TUESDAY 19 DIALOGUE THROUGH POETRY WEEK, dialoguepoetry.org

Master Events Calendar

Earth Day, EarthDay.net	April 22, 2002
Earth Day, EarthDay.net	May 2002
Sacramento Fredom Fair, 442-0185.	June 2002
San Francisco Lesbian & Gay Film Festival, 415-703-8650.	June 13-30, 2002
San Francisco Pride, 415-864-0831, sfpride.org.	June 2002
Provincetown LGBT Family Week, 619-296-0199, familypride.org.	August 2002
Michigan Womyn's Music Festival, 231-757-4766.	
Sacramento Sierra Stampede, 978-4040	
Sacramento Rainbow Festival 2001, 448-7798	
Chico Pride Festival, chicopride2001@hotmail.com	September 2002
S.F. Folsom Street Fair, 415-861-3247	September 2002
Breast Cancer Awareness Month	
S.F. Castro Street Fair, 415-467-3354	October 2002
National Coming Out Day.	October 11, 2002
Sacramento International Gay & Lesbian Film Festival	October 9-12, 2002
CAP/PAC Dinner/Auction, 736-2722.	October 2002
Sydney Gay Games, SAGA 451-8663	November 2002
MGW Newspaper 23rd Anniversary Celebrationz	
Election Day.	November 7, 2001
Reverend Ed Sheriff Day.	
California Domestic Partners Law Anniversary.	November 16, 2001
S.F. Harvey Milk and George Moscone Killed.	
World AIDS Day, 443-3299 Real Women Project, realwomenproject.com.	December 1, 2001
Real Women Project, realwomenproject.com.	January 20-22, 2002

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Adoptions

Family Alliance, 9719 Lincoln Village Dr. Ste. 401, 364-8914

AIDS Services

Breaking Barriers, 1722 J St., #321, 447-AIDS C.A.R.E.S., 1500 21 St., 443-3299

Hand to Hand Foundation, 1500 21st St., 443-3299 ext. 6265/6266 Heart to Heart Emotional Support Group, 1500 21st St., 386-2504 Metropolitan Community Center For AIDS, 1722 J St. #8, 447-2444 Names Project, AIDS Memorial Quilt, 3104 0 St., PMB 357, ozinsac@aol.com, 484-5646

Antiques

Now & Again Antiques, 855 57th St., 454-9938

Associations

Alcoholics Anonymous, 2631B Riverside Blvd., Dan, 486-0331, Karla, 568-6714

Capital City Hoopsters, gaysachball@aol.com Capital City Squares, CapitalCitySqrs@aol.com, 929-8697

Female to Male Sac., 646-1417, kpboxer@yahoo.com FrontRunners & Walkers, 974-8199, frontrunners.org

Gay Fathers of Sac., 484-5636

Hand to Hand Foundation, 1500 21st St., 443-3299 ext. 6265/6266 Lambda Letters Project, 728-1261, lambdalp@aol.com

Log Cabin Republicans, 491-4974, saclogcabin.org Outdoor Adventures of Sac., oas news@hotmail.co

Rainbow Bridge Speakers, Paula, 658-0892 Rainbow Chamber of Commerce, 443-6969

Sac. Arts & Games Association, 451-8663 Sac. Area Women's Community Network, 451-8034, sacwn.org

Sac. Valley Pozabilities, 564-1790, evpozabilities@vahoo.com

Sisters Of Scota Women's Motorcycle Club, 725-9467, soswnc@hotmail.com, sistersofscotawmc.org Valley Knights Motorcycle Club, 455-6540

Attorneys

Andrew Last, 2150 Capital Ave., #100, 446-5574 Allan Owen, Ordas, Timmons, Owens & Owen Inc., 906 G St., #610, 444-

Mark La Rocque, 725 30th St., #101, 498-0431

Teichert & Associates, 1322 F St., 441-4410

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Happy Daze RV, 1199 El Camino, 921-2222 Ray's Auto Stereo & Alarms, 1925 F St., 447-9753

Bars/Nightclubs

The Bolt, 2560 Boxwood St., 649-8420

Club 21, 1119 21st St., 441-4776 The Depot, 2001 K St., 441-6823

Faces, 2000 K St., 448-7798

Hamburger Mary's, 1630 J St., 441-4340

Mercantile, 20th & L., 447-0792

Townhouse, 1517 21st St., 441-5122

Board Of Supervisors

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Black Tie Catering & Gourmet To Go, 5451 Warehouse Way Ste. 114, 383-9270, blackfiecat@aol.com

Cemeteries/Mortuaries

East Lawn Memorial Park & Mortuaries, 732-2000

Chiropractors

James Carlson, Rocklin Chiropractic, 5875 Pacific St. #D, Rocklin, 624-0682

Karen Chaney, Universal Chiropractic, 7200 S. Land Park Dr., Suite 200, 392-3900

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City Parks

City Park Reservations, 277-6060

Computers/Copiers

Delivery Services

iCourier, 489-7691

Dry Cleaning Services

Freeport Cleaners, 2001 4th St., 442-2838

Electrical

Tom Seares Electrical, 487-6482

Electrolysis

Financial Services

Killick Financial Services, 2321 Lloyd Ln., 486-8985

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SMUD Building, 6301 S St., 916-732-5310

Advance Laser Clinics, 87 Scripps Dr. Ste. 210, 921-2400

Celestial Movement Yoga, 625 14th St., 441-2535

Fitness Happens Certified Personal Training & Nutritio Guidance, 2411 15th St., 444-1440

Hobbies/Crafts

Bead Fetish, 1903 Capitol Ave., 447-7979

Hotels/Inns/Resorts

Capitol Park Inn, 1300 T St., 877-753-9982 Hartley House Inn, 700 22nd St., 447-7829

La Residence Country Inn, 4066 St. Helena Hwy,, Napa Valley; David & Craig, 707-253-0337

Information

MGW Newspaper Archives, past issues are available on microfilm c Lavender Library, Main Sacramento Library, CSUS Library, University of California at Davis Library, and San Francisco Main Library.

Insurance

Allstate, Dan Huffman, 5300 Madison Ave., Suite A. 344-3095

Jewelry

Argreity Fine Jewelry, 1021 R St., 446-1535

Legal Franck, 926 J St., 447-8400, prepaidlegal.com

Mail Box Rental/Shipping

Massage

Theraputic Massage By Susan Parker, 363-7907

Mortgage

Chase Manhattan, Rick Corby, 2998 Douglas Blvd. Ste. 105, 787-1429 Competitive Mortgage, 8300 Fair Oaks Blvd. Ste. 402, 944-1409 Danny Figueroa, Senior Loan Officer, AccuBanc Mortgage Corp., 1601 Response Rd., #206, 564-9500

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Moving

Capital City Moving & Storage, 3298 Orange Grove Ave., N. Highlands, 487-8400

Music Systems

Notary Public

Harold McCallum, 725 J St., 441-0410

Lotus Valley Nursery/Garden, 5606 Peterson Lane, Lotus, 626-7001

Optometrist/Eye Glasses

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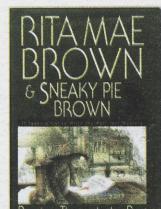


SACRAMENTO, CA – Best-selling author and out lesbian Rita Mae Brown will visit as The Sacramento Bee's Book Club author for March. She will speak on Thursday, March 28 at the Grand Ballroom (1215 J Street) beginning at 6pm. Brown will focus on her new book, Catch as Cat Can, which was recently released by Bantam Books.

Brown has been an important influence in both contemporary literature and the LGBT community since her debut publication of *Rubyfruit Jungle* in 1973. The groundbreaking novel tells the story of Molly Bolt, a Southern orphan who beats up boys, loses her virginity to a girl in sixth grade, hypnotizes high school cheerleaders and socialites alike, then moves on to become a filmmaker.

Since Rubyfruit Jungle, Brown has written several volumes of poetry, an autobiography titled *Rita Will*, a writer's manual, and even a cookbook.

Most of her energy has been directed to writing ten felineassisted mysteries. The Bee reported that Brown said Catch as Cat Can, "opens on a brisk morning in the tiny town of Crozet, Virginia, as postmistress Mary "Harry" Harristeen and the rest of the locals are happily getting ready for the event of the season - the annual spring ball. But a slew of unexplainable occurrences begins to dampen the festive mood -Harry and Mrs. Murphy find a dead woodpecker on their doorstep, and Harry's friend Miranda discovers her car vandalized. Harry dismisses both as cruel pranks until the owner of the scrap iron yard is found dead. Always nosy, Harry decides to sniff out the truth.'



Other Mrs. Murphy mysteries include Murder at Monticello, Pay Dirt: or Adventures at Ash Lawn, Murder She Meowed, and Cat on the Scent.

Brown was born in Hanover, Pennsylvania but currently lives near Charlottesville, Virginia on a working horse farm. She holds degrees in Classics and English from New York University and a Ph.D. in Political Science from Institute for Policy Studies.

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